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QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND RELATED MATTERS

Canada, Egypt, Guatemala, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993,

Noting the work of the Open-Ended Working Group on the question of equitable representation of and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council,

Noting also that on the issue of the enlargement and reform of the Security Council important differences continue to exist within the membership of the Organization, and that the Open-Ended Working Group has not yet reached the general agreement called for in resolution 48/26,

Recalling its decision 51/476 of 15 September 1997 on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters,

1. Stresses that the matter of Security Council reform is of such importance that it cannot be subject to any imposed time-frame, and therefore recognizes the need to allow Member States adequate time to further reflect on the question, with a view to identifying solutions on which general agreement can be reached;

2. Emphasizes, in this regard, the need to comply faithfully with the provisions of Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to any resolution with Charter amendment implications;

3. Reiterates that the Open-Ended Working Group shall continue its work in 1998 in order to examine all proposals and submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its fifty-second session.